GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2525
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2001
PROTEST BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
ABUL HASNAT KHAN

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the confederation of the Central Government Employees and Workers had observed July 18, 2001 as a protest day;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their demands;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to redress their grievances?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE II DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a)&(b): It has come to the notice that some sections of the Central Government employees, affiliated to the Confederation of the Central Government Employees and Workers, had observed July 18, 2001 as anti-privatisation day to protest against the economic and labour policies of the Central Government, including privatization, downsizing in Government departments, curtailment of fiscal benefits. As part of the protest, the employees organized demonstrations, dharnas, rallies, processions and meetings at various places.

(c)&(d): With the object of promoting harmonious relations and of securing the greatest measures of cooperation between the Government, in its capacity as employer, and the general body of its employees, Government had, in consultation with the Staff Side, established in 1966 the scheme for Joint Consultative Machinery and Compulsory Arbitration for Central Government employees. Under this Scheme, a well-defined machinery already exists to settle matters of common concern, including service conditions of employees and other related issues, through the process of negotiation and arbitration. The issues raised in the Charter of Demands can be considered through this mechanism and the Staff Side have already given an agenda item thereon for the next meeting.